

Application No.: 09/937,767

Docket No.: 20234-00073-US

**REMARKS**

Claims 20-39 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 21, 22 and 28-39 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is requested. The claims have been amended to avoid the various informalities noted in item 2 of the Office Action. As each of these claims depend from an allowed claim, it is considered that they also contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned should any further cooperation be necessary in order to allow the application.

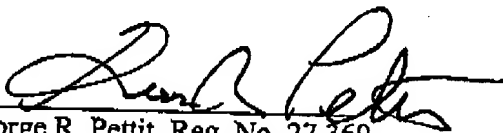
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 20234-00073-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated:

8/26/04

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